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MEMORANDUM

To: All Judges Hearing Drug Cases

Through: Alfred DeMaria, M.D.

From: Allan Stevenson, Director  
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Date: April 5, 2006

RE: Public Health Laboratories Monthly Drug Analysis Report

At the end of March the Laboratories' sample backlog was 3685 samples (3214 in Boston, 471 in Amherst). There were 1800 samples in the lab over fourteen days old. Total samples submitted were 4201. Total samples analyzed were 4060.

On average, the time in the laboratory for sample analysis was 28 days. We provided preliminary analysis and subsequent final analysis on 122 samples.

The time of the analysis profile for samples analyzed in March is shown below:

Less than 7 days	61	2%
8 - 14	338	8%
15 - 21	623	15%
22 - 28	808	20%
29 - 35	1,524	38%
36 -42	371	9%
43 -49	183	5%
Greater than 50 days	152	4%
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4,060</u>	<u>100%</u>

Summaries are found in Table A.

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SUMMARY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:  
**Table A**

**SAMPLES ANALYZED:**

PERIOD	COCAINE		HEROIN		MARIJUANA		OTHERS		Sub-total		Total
	Amherst	Boston	Amherst	Boston	Amherst	Boston	Amherst	Boston	Amherst	Boston	
Mar-06	291	911	86	294	265	1376	140	697	782	3278	<b>4060</b>
Feb-06	170	643	102	206	216	975	79	796	567	2620	<b>3187</b>
Mar-05	264	730	97	271	261	1068	61	880	683	2949	<b>3632</b>

**SAMPLES SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS:**

PERIOD	AMHERST	BOSTON	Total
Mar-06	903	3298	<b>4201</b>
Feb-06	658	2867	<b>3525</b>
Mar-05	822	3131	<b>3953</b>

**TRAFFICKING SAMPLES ANALYZED:**

PERIOD	AMHERST	BOSTON	Total
Mar-06	24	55	<b>79</b>
Feb-06	18	62	<b>80</b>
Mar-05	6	41	<b>47</b>

PREL	0	120	<b>120</b>
ALCOHOL	0	3	<b>3</b>

**TOTAL SAMPLES AWAITING ANALYSIS ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH:**

No. of Days	AMHERST	BOSTON	TOTAL	% OF OUTSTANDING
1 to 7	237	724	961	26%
8 to 14	234	690	924	25%
15 to 21		717	717	19%
22 to 28		649	649	18%
> 28		434	434	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>3214</b>	<b>3685</b>	100%